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Mr. Ross Chittenden Chief Department of Transportation Division of Transportation Planning Business, Transportation and Housing Agency State of California Box 942873 Sacramento, California 94273

> Re: FY 05-07 FSTIP Transit Amendment 13 San Joaquin Council of Governments

Dear Mr. Chittenden:

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has completed its review of your letter dated August 1, 2005, requesting approval of the FY 2004/05-2006/07 FSTIP Amendment 13 for the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG). It lists several transit elements for funding by the Federal Transit Administration from the Section 5307 Program.

FTA approves the Transit Elements in this amendment for inclusion into the California Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. The amendment was developed by a process in accord with 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 53. Eligibility of individual projects for funding is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all administrative requirements. Transit Element projects are exempt from air quality conformity determination.

If you have questions about our review, please call Lorraine Lerman, Community Planner, at (415) 744-2735.

Sincerely,

cc: Mr. Steven Barhite, EPA Office of Air Planning

Ms. Mayela Sosa, FHWA, Sacramento

Mr. Scott Butler, SJCOG

Ms. Rachel Falsetti, Caltrans